

1st Cav Div

Nine of the 1st Cavalry Division's Landing Zone fire bases and the division base camp at Phuoc Vinh received indirect fire harassing attacks, some of which were followed by ground attacks or probes, in the early morning hours May 12.

A staunch defense of LZ Jamie, 21 miles northeast of Tay Ninh, by the 2nd Bn., 7th Cav. left 73 North Vietnamese Army soldiers dead.

At 2:30 a.m., approximately 200 mixed 60mm 82mm mortar rounds and 107mm rockets fired from all directions impacted into the LZ within 10 minutes. The barrage was followed by AK-47 and automatic weapons fire. The Skytroopers returned the fire with Claymore mines, grenades, small arms and direct fire from the 105mm howitzers of the 2nd Bn. 19th Arty.

At approximately 3:15 a.m. the NVA soldiers using Bangalore torpedoes penetrated the perimeter wire, followed by others. "The enemy occupied three bunkers," said Sfc. Durwood Potts. "Our men drew back when they saw they would be overrun. There were at least 12 NVA in each bunker."

Hello World,

Hey what's happening?
I don't know why I said
that, I just got a newspaper
and some cool-aid from you
that is really great. Were
making the lemonade now.
The guys really like it.

Boy it sure sounds like
you've been awful busy
lately.. I'm glad dad decided
to only work 3 days a week.

We heard all about the
25,000 troop withdrawal. It's
nice, but there are 540,000
GI's in Vietnam and about
50,000 of them are linemen
like me. You can bet that
we'll never see a troop
withdrawal. If so the 1st Cav

Div will be the last one on the list. Unlike the other units in Vietnam, the 1st CAV Div chases the NVA.

There's no hope. We're on a big mission right now. We've been hit 3 times in six days. That's bad! We've had about 20 WIA and 1 KIA. Believe me our CO is crazy. ~~For~~ Everybody says he's the worst, cause he's never seen the real action. They'll never get me. There is no good good enough. ~~Take~~ Take that.

Forget about the Road & Truck magazine. But I would like an occasional Playboy & Hot Rod. The paper was really great. Mrs. Hutton is going to send me a couple of them now and then.

I'm back. Bet you didn't even know I left. I just got through half searching a bunker complex. We made a little contact, but not too much. We found a lot of booby traps, but only one person was wounded. (very slight) I sure was scared, but I crawled into about 5 bunkers with a cigarette lighter. We found a large cache of of ruck sacks and field gear. I discovered ~~some~~ a cache and dug up 3 mortars and the charging devices for them. Well, I guess that's just 3 mortars I don't have to worry about flying towards me. Right now 1st platoon is in a giant rice cache. I think we've had a good days work. Only thing is, its only 3:00 in the afternoon. We still

have about 6 more hours
of work after we find a
place to set up for the night.

You said you didn't hear
to much about me. Well
the 1st Cav doesn't believe
in publicity. You won't hear
their name much on the
news or in the papers. I
enclosed a small article I
found about our company.
The incident ~~was~~ ~~on~~ ~~my~~ took
place my first day in ~~the~~
company. They only failed to
say that one of the bunkers
that was overrun had GI's in
it. They threw grenades in it
and killed one guy while two
more played dead for 4 hours
while the gooks were in the
bunker fighting us. It was
pretty hairy. Also the enemy

body count was more like
about 120 to 150 killed. We
found them all over the
woods afterwards. The NVA
drag their wounded away to
prevent a high body count.
And out of the 6 GI's killed,
our own mortars got three
of them with a short round.
What else can I say?

Please tell ~~go~~ Gail I'll
write her just as soon as I
get her new address. Tell her
to ~~hurry~~ hurry and get it
to me, OK? She came up with
a good idea, I need some
good heavy wool gym socks.
Going without would be the
same as what I'm wearing now.

Well, gotta go for now.
I'll write more later. Be sure
and tell everyone "Hi" for me. 6/22/67
Love You All Eric